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STAGE IN U.S. ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US) UNDER 35 USC 371**

Sir:

In response to Document PCT/DO/EO/905 regarding "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" and mailed November 21, 2005, attached hereto are the following documents to complete the United States national phase of the above-identified application:

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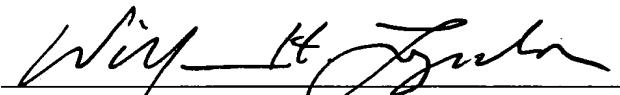
1. the Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
2. a copy of the above-mentioned "Notification" to be returned with response.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Letter are enclosed.

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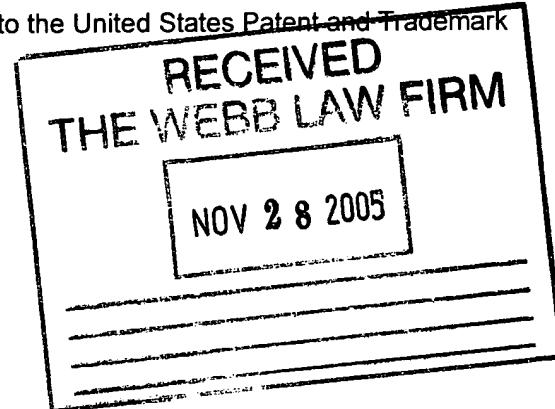
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/24/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/24/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/24/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/24/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/24/2005
- Specification filed on 06/24/2005
- Claims filed on 06/24/2005
- Abstracts filed on 06/24/2005
- Drawings filed on 06/24/2005



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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